



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/763,092

Filed: February 16, 2001

For: SWING ARM FOR TWO-WHEELED
MOTOR VEHICLE AND METHOD OF
PRODUCING THE SAME

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF MARCH 11, 2002

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Washington, D.C. 20231

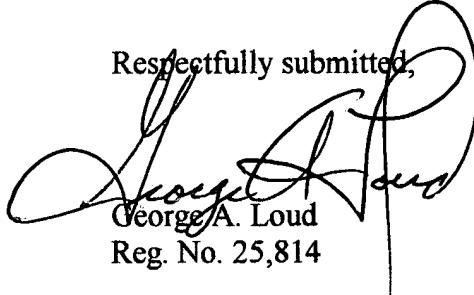
Sir:

Responsive to the office action of March 11, 2002, applicants, by their undersigned attorney, hereby elect method claims 13-22 (group II). Further, applicants elect fig. 21 as a species. It is respectfully submitted that all of the elected method claims, as well as product claims 1-9 and 12 read on fig. 21.

The restriction requirement is respectfully traversed. More specifically, applicants believe that the examiner errs in his conclusion that "the species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1..." It is respectfully submitted that one of the general inventive concepts embodied in applicants' claims is that of the filling per se, i.e. the concept of filling either one or both of the hollow portions of the arm and the body portion with

a foam resin in order to reduce noise due to resonance with engine vibrations. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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